

CLAIMS

1. An adaptive feed-back controlled cardiac resynchronisation therapy
5 system capable of dynamic AV delay and VV interval pacing related
to changes in the data received from at least hemodynamic sensor
continuously monitoring a hemodynamic performance, said system
comprising:
- a learning neural network module for receiving and
10 processing information of said at least one sensor and for
learning at least one physiological aspect of said body;
 - a deterministic algorithmic module receiving parameters
from said neural network module and for controlling said
learning module, and
 - 15 • a therapeutic delivery means connected to said
deterministic algorithmic module.
2. A system according to claim 1 wherein said modules and
20 therapeutic delivery means are implanted, delivering biventricular
pacing with adaptive AV delay and VV interval, modified
continuously with correlation to the hemodynamic performance of
the heart.

3. A system according to Claim 1 wherein said neural network module employs a spiking neuron network architecture.
- 5 4. A system according to Claims 1 wherein said neural network module employs a spiking neuron network architecture implemented as a silicon processor operating with extremely low clock frequency.
- 10 5. A system according to claim 1 wherein said neural networks module is external.
6. A system according to claim 1 wherein said at least one sensor is
15 a non invasive sensor.
7. A system according to claim 1 wherein said therapeutic delivery system is connected to said learning neural network module via a wireless communications link.
- 20 8. A system according to claim 1 wherein said therapeutic delivery means is at least one selected from the group consisting of a biventricular pacemaker and a defibrillator, a biventricular pacemaker and a CRT-D device or any combination thereof.

9. A method for regulating a controlled delivery of a physiologically active agent to a patient comprising the steps of:
- obtaining continuous signal from at least one sensor monitoring physiological parameter of said patient;
 - 5 • processing said continuous signal by an algorithmic processing module and a learning module, and wherein said learning modules carries out adaptive learning in connection with said at least one sensor is first supervised by applying an accepted set of parameters ,
10 and
 - delivering a physiological signal by a delivery module in response to said processed signal, wherein said regulation either relates to said algorithmic process orto said learning process.
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10. A method for adaptive biventricular pacing control as in claim 9 comprising the steps of:
- programming initial AV (atrioventricular) delay parameter
20 and VV (interventricular delay) interval parameter of an algorithmic module;
 - providing pacing in a non-adaptive CRT mode wherein an algorithmic deterministic module controls the delivery of pulses, and wherein pacing is provided according to said
25 parameters,

- switching to an adaptive CRT mode wherein said AV delay and VV interval change dynamically in order to achieve optimal hemodynamic performance, and wherein said adaptive mode is limited to perform above a low limit of hemodynamic performance, and
- switching back to the non adaptive CRT mode whenever the hemodynamic performance is below a low limit of hemodynamic performance or a sensor failure or any other system failure is detected.

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11. A method for adaptive dual chamber control as in claim 9, wherein said delivery module is any selected from the group consisting of dual chamber pacemaker and dual chamber defibrillator (ICD), further comprising the steps of:

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- programming initial AV (atrioventricular) delay parameter of an algorithmic module;
- operating in non-adaptive mode wherein an algorithmic deterministic module for controlling delivery of pulses, wherein pacing is carried out according to said parameter and wherein learning operation with said parameters takes place;
- switching to adaptive mode whereby said AV delay changes dynamically in order to achieve optimal hemodynamic performance, and wherein said adaptive

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mode is limited to perform above a predefined low limit of hemodynamic performance, and

- switching back to non adaptive mode whenever the hemodynamic performance is lower than a low limit of hemodynamic performance or a sensor fails or any other system failure is detected.

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12. A method for adaptive biventricular pacing control as in claim 10 and for adaptive dual chamber pacing control as in claim 11 wherein said sensor information relates to at least one sensor selected from the group consisting of a ventricular pressure sensor, a ventricular blood impedance sensor, a ventricular wall motion accelerometer sensor and a QT interval sensor.

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13. A method for regulating a controlled delivery of a physiologically active agent as in claims 9 to 11 wherein said learning module is a neural network module.

20 14. A method for regulating a controlled delivery of a physiologically active agent as in claims 9 to 11 wherein said synaptic weight learning rule is Hebbian.

15. A method according to Claims 9 to 11 wherein said neural network module employs a spiking neuron network architecture

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implemented as a silicon processor operating with extremely low clock frequency and hence dissipate extremely low battery power.

16. A method for adaptive biventricular pacing control as in claims 12
5 and 13, used for ventricular pacing beyond the maximal tracking rate (MTR) limit, wherein the neural network processor is trained to predict the atrial event timing relative to the preceding ventricular event using the hemodynamic sensor signal that reflects ventricular contraction and where the predicted atrial
10 event replace the sensed atrial event when the MTR limit is reached.
17. A method for adaptive biventricular pacing control and a rate responsive atrial pacing as in claims 12 and 13 wherein said
15 patients are bradycardia patients, , wherein the neural network processor predicts the optimal atrial event timing relative to the preceding ventricular event using the hemodynamic sensor signal that reflects ventricular contraction and where a stroke volume is optimized.
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18. A method for adaptive biventricular pacing control and for ventricular capture management as in claims 12 and 13, wherein the changes in the evoked response timing are correlated with the variation in pacing intervals timings and hence a capture is verified

reliably and an intrinsic ventricular beat can be discriminated from a ventricular evoked response.

19. A method for a controlled delivery of a physiologically active
5 agent as in claim 9 wherein said physiologic parameter is a
glucose level and a physiologically signal delivered is insulin for
delivering therapy to patients with diabetes.

20. A method for a controlled delivery of a physiologically active agent
10 as in claim 9 wherein said active agent is a brain stimulating
device for delivering therapy to patients with a Parkinson disease